



NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
Drinking Water Bureau

Public Involvement Plan (PIP)

For the
State of New Mexico Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
Intended Use Plan and Project Priority Lists
Comment Period

June-July 2022

APPROVAL PAGE

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QuickFacts
New Mexico; United States

QuickFacts provides statistics for all states and counties, and for cities and towns with a *population of 5,000 or more*.

Table

All Topics	New Mexico	United States
Population Estimates, July 1 2021, (V2021)	▲ 2,115,877	▲ 331,893,745
 PEOPLE		
Population		
Population Estimates, July 1 2021, (V2021)	▲ 2,115,877	▲ 331,893,745
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2021)	▲ 2,117,522	▲ 331,449,281
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2021, (V2021)	▲ -0.1%	▲ 0.1%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	2,117,522	331,449,281
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	2,059,179	308,745,538
Age and Sex		
Persons under 5 years, percent	▲ 5.8%	▲ 6.0%
Persons under 18 years, percent	▲ 22.7%	▲ 22.3%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	▲ 18.0%	▲ 16.5%
Female persons, percent	▲ 50.5%	▲ 50.8%
Race and Hispanic Origin		
White alone, percent	▲ 81.9%	▲ 76.3%
Black or African American alone, percent (a)	▲ 2.6%	▲ 13.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	▲ 11.0%	▲ 1.3%
Asian alone, percent (a)	▲ 1.8%	▲ 5.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	▲ 0.2%	▲ 0.2%
Two or More Races, percent	▲ 2.6%	▲ 2.8%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	▲ 49.3%	▲ 18.5%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	▲ 36.8%	▲ 60.1%
Population Characteristics		
Veterans, 2016-2020	141,558	17,835,456
Foreign born persons, percent, 2016-2020	9.2%	13.5%
Housing		
Housing units, July 1, 2021, (V2021)	948,110	142,153,010
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2016-2020	68.0%	64.4%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2016-2020	\$175,700	\$229,800
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2016-2020	\$1,293	\$1,621
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2016-2020	\$360	\$509
Median gross rent, 2016-2020	\$857	\$1,096
Building permits, 2021	7,753 ¹	1,736,982
Families & Living Arrangements		
Households, 2016-2020	792,755	122,354,219
Persons per household, 2016-2020	2.59	2.60
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2016-2020	87.0%	86.2%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2016-2020	33.5%	21.5%
Computer and Internet Use		
Households with a computer, percent, 2016-2020	88.1%	91.9%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2016-2020	77.9%	85.2%
Education		
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2016-2020	86.5%	88.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2016-2020	28.1%	32.9%
Health		
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2016-2020	10.9%	8.7%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	▲ 12.0%	▲ 10.2%
Economy		
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2016-2020	56.9%	63.0%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2016-2020	53.5%	58.4%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	4,349,672	708,138,598
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	11,236,630	2,040,441,203
Total manufacturers shipments, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	29,102,352	5,696,729,632
Total retail sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	25,179,274	4,219,821,871
Total retail sales per capita, 2012 (c)	\$12,073	\$13,443

Transportation

Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2016-2020	22.7	26.9
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Income & Poverty

Median household income (in 2020 dollars), 2016-2020	\$51,243	\$64,994
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2020 dollars), 2016-2020	\$27,945	\$35,384
Persons in poverty, percent	▲ 16.8%	▲ 11.4%

**BUSINESSES****Businesses**

Total employer establishments, 2020	43,587	8,000,178
Total employment, 2020	651,756	134,163,349
Total annual payroll, 2020 (\$1,000)	28,386,324	7,564,809,878
Total employment, percent change, 2019-2020	1.1%	0.9%
Total nonemployer establishments, 2018	125,925	26,485,532
All firms, 2012	151,363	27,626,360
Men-owned firms, 2012	71,132	14,844,597
Women-owned firms, 2012	59,044	9,878,397
Minority-owned firms, 2012	60,622	7,952,386
Nonminority-owned firms, 2012	83,857	18,987,918
Veteran-owned firms, 2012	14,096	2,521,682
Nonveteran-owned firms, 2012	128,693	24,070,685

**GEOGRAPHY****Geography**

Population per square mile, 2010	17.0	87.4
Land area in square miles, 2010	121,298.15	3,531,905.43
FIPS Code	35	1

[About datasets used in this table](#)

Value Notes

1. Includes data not distributed by county.

⚠ Estimates are not comparable to other geographic levels due to methodology differences that may exist between different data sources.

Some estimates presented here come from sample data, and thus have sampling errors that may render some apparent differences between geographies statistically indistinguishable. Click the Quick Info ⓘ icon to the left of each row in TABLE view to learn about sampling error.

The vintage year (e.g., V2021) refers to the final year of the series (2020 thru 2021). Different vintage years of estimates are not comparable.

Users should exercise caution when comparing 2016-2020 ACS 5-year estimates to other ACS estimates. For more information, please visit the [2020 5-year ACS Comparison Guidance](#) page.

Fact Notes

- (a) Includes persons reporting only one race
(c) Economic Census - Puerto Rico data are not comparable to U.S. Economic Census data
(b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories

Value Flags

- Either no or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest or upper interval of an open ended distribution.
F Fewer than 25 firms
D Suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information
N Data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
FN Footnote on this item in place of data
X Not applicable
S Suppressed; does not meet publication standards
NA Not available
Z Value greater than zero but less than half unit of measure shown

QuickFacts data are derived from: Population Estimates, American Community Survey, Census of Population and Housing, Current Population Survey, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, State and County Housing Unit Estimates, County Business Patterns, Nonemployer Statistics, Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Building Permits.

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I. Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Overview

The New Mexico Environment Department (Department), Drinking Water Bureau (DWB) developed this Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Intended Use Plan (IUP) for the State Fiscal Year 2023. The purpose of this PIP is to plan for public involvement and participation in the Intended Use Plan development process through a 30-day public comment period.

Comments Accepted: June 16, 2022 – midnight July 16, 2022

The PIP integrates information about the affected communities and identifies resources needed by the Bureau to successfully incorporate community participation activities into the decision-making process for the public comment period for the DWSRF IUP. DWB encourages public water systems statewide to understand the annual IUP and to participate in the DWSRF program. The PIP identifies the Department staff and resources needed to accomplish these activities.

The IUP requires public notification of public comment opportunities. The Bureau will meet the public participation requirements for the DWSRF IUP by following this PIP, which includes all applicable policy, regulatory and statutory public participation requirements. The PIP identifies the DWB staff and resources needed to accomplish these activities.

In developing this PIP, state-wide community participation needs were assessed to ensure appropriate promotion of public outreach by identifying whether there is a combination of environmental and demographic factors (i.e., low-income community, minority community, limited English proficiency individuals, Linguistically Isolated Households, etc.) that may impact public participation¹. This assessment identifies community outreach needs and provides for public access opportunities above and beyond statutorily mandated requirements and underscores the provision of adequate public access to information about the DWSRF IUP.

As much as possible, public participation and informational activities related to the DWSRF IUP will be held within the timelines outlined in the PIP. This timeline is tentative and subject to change.

The DWSRF IUP comment period is open for thirty (30) days and is a state-wide document pertinent to a relatively large community of Spanish speakers, and DWB will provide pertinent information in both English and Spanish in public comment notices. During public comment periods, hardcopies of relevant documents may be reviewed at the information repositories listed in "Public Participation and Outreach Activities" in Section V of this document.

More detailed information about planned Bureau outreach is available in this PIP.

This PIP is a "living" document that may be amended after considering public comments and feedback. The Bureau Chief provides final approval of the PIP and amendments.

¹ See Section IV Location and Demographics for Demographic Summary.

II. Contacts

Bureau contacts for questions regarding the State of New Mexico Intended Use Plan, the public review and comment process, the Bureau's website, or this PIP, are listed below:

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A. Non-English Language Speaker Assistance and Accommodations

In accordance with the DWB Limited English Proficiency Customer Service Plan non-English speakers may call the Bureau contact listed below and request language assistance services, such as an interpreter, so they can learn more about the State of New Mexico IUP.

Pedro Archuleta
Spanish Language Service for Drinking Water Bureau
1190 St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505
Phone: 505-476-8620 or 877-654-8720
Email: pedro.archuleta@state.nm.us

B. Department Websites

New Mexico Environment Department - <https://www.env.nm.gov/>
Drinking Water Bureau - https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/
Funding Opportunities - <https://www.env.nm.gov/funding-opportunities/>
Public Comment Portal - <https://nmed.commentinput.com/comment/search>

C. Location of Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List for Review

The Bureau and its partner, the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA), maintain website locations for the Intended Use Plan. These websites will be kept up to date and contain information about the DWSRF program and important documents.

New Mexico Environment Department Funding Opportunities:

<https://www.env.nm.gov/funding-opportunities/>

New Mexico Finance Authority – Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund:

<https://www.nmfinance.com/water-project-fund/drinking-water-state-revolving-loan-fund/>

III. Regulatory Framework

The 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act created a public involvement requirement that applies to the DWSRF program. Specifically, the DWSRF IUP requirements as part of the capitalization grant application and the “meaningful public review and comment” requirement are detailed in 40 CFR 35.3555.

Through the enactment of the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Act (Fund Act), Chapter 6, Article 21A, NMSA 1978, as amended, the New Mexico Legislature created a revolving loan fund (Fund). The purpose of the Fund Act “is to provide local authorities in New Mexico with low-cost financial assistance in the construction and rehabilitation of necessary drinking water facilities through the creation of a self-sustaining revolving loan program so as to improve and protect drinking water quality and public health” §6-21A-2 NMSA (2017).

The Fund is administered by the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) in cooperation with the Drinking Water Bureau. NMFA is the State’s grantee for Capitalization Grants allotted to the State, and it administers the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRLF) which consists of the annual Capitalization Grant from the EPA, and the 20% State Match required by the SDWA. The amount of annual the Capitalization Grant is determined by Congress and administered by the EPA. The SDWA allows each state the discretion to utilize up to 31% of each annual DWSRF Capitalization Grant to fund four different Set-Aside categories, with the remainder of the Capitalization Grant directed to the state’s loan funds:

1. Administration and Technical Assistance (up to 4%);
2. Small System Technical Assistance (up to 2%);
3. State Program Management (up to 10%); and
4. Local Assistance and Other State Programs (up to 15%).

The duties and responsibilities of the NMFA and the DWB are described in a Memorandum of Understanding in carrying out the provisions of the Fund Act and in monitoring construction projects receiving financial assistance. The NMFA, as grantee, is responsible for the administration of DWSRLF financing and related functions funded by the Administration Set-Aside of the Capitalization Grant. The DWB, as the State’s regulatory drinking water agency, is responsible for the oversight and implementation of the Small Systems Technical Assistance, State Program Management, and Local Assistance Set-Asides.

Each state fiscal year (SFY) as part of the capitalization grant application, New Mexico prepares DWSRF IUP to describe how it proposes to use the DWSRF to meet the objectives of the SDWA and the New Mexico DWSRLF Act. This IUP is the central component of the State’s Capitalization Grant application to the EPA, and it communicates the plans to stakeholders and covers the state fiscal year from July 1 – June 30. This document describes the short- and long-term goals of the program, the priority setting process used to rank projects on the Fundable Priority List, and it describes how the State will use the set-asides to support the program.

IV. Location and Demographics

The IUP is a statewide document, and thus contains the proposed projects and program goals for the entire state.

A. Demographic Summary – 2022 Update

Using U.S. Census Quick Facts² for the State of New Mexico for July 2021, New Mexico has an estimated population of 2,115,877 where 49.3% identify as Hispanic or Latino (which may be of any race) and 11.0% identify exclusively as American Indian. For the rest of the United States 18.5% identify as Hispanic or Latino and 1.3% identify exclusively as American Indian. The percent of persons over 5 years of age that communicate in a language other than English (non-English) at home is 33.5%, compared to 21.5% for the United States. Census data of Detailed Languages Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over: 2016-2020³ estimates 79.5% of this population speaks Spanish in the home. The 5-year median household income in 2018 dollars for New Mexico is \$48,059 compared to the national figure of \$60,293, with 19.5% of New Mexico's population living in poverty. See Appendix A for U.S. Census Quick Facts supporting data.

These results indicate for the State of New Mexico, the percentage of Spanish speaking communication is considerable (i.e., substantially greater than the national percentage) and there are demographic factors such as low-income and minority communities, that may impact public participation. Therefore, the Bureau will provide notification in Spanish and in English to announce the invitation for the public to review and make comment on the DWSRLF IUP.

V. Public Participation & Outreach Activities

The public may ask questions about the IUP at any time. Interested community members do not need to wait for a formal public comment period to contact the Bureau. However, the Bureau emphasizes that to be included in the official record, comments solicited by public notices about the IUP must be submitted during the noticed comment periods, and in accordance with the public notice.

To ensure the public has an opportunity to review and provide input on the DWSRF IUP, the draft document will be made available to the public through public notice and notifications by email and posting on the NMED website. The Bureau encourages comments to be submitted through the new NMED Public Comment Portal found on the NMED website at the link below.

- GovDelivery Listserv notification: includes all water system contact addresses
- Funding Opportunities - <https://www.env.nm.gov/funding-opportunities/>
- Public Comment Portal - <https://nmed.commentinput.com/comment/search>
- NMED Events Calendar - <https://www.env.nm.gov/events-calendar/>
- New Mexico Finance Authority - <https://www.nmfinance.com/water-project-fund/drinking-water-state-revolving-loan-fund/>

² <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/NM,US/PST045219#PST045219>

³ <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2013/demo/2009-2013-lang-tables.html>

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund – State Fiscal Year 2023 Intended Use Plan (IUP)

Activity	Dates
Public Notice for Draft SFY20 DWSRF IUP – website, listserv email, social media	June 16, 2022
Public Comment Period for Draft SFY20 DWSRF IUP	30 Days June 16-July 16 2022
Public comments addressed in document and final FY23 IUP sent to EPA for approval	By July 30

The public comment period will be open for 30 days. A summary of the comments received and the DWB response will be included as an Appendix in the final version of the IUP, which will be posted on both agency's websites once complete and approved by EPA.

Specific outreach activities related to the draft DWSRF IUP include:

- Maintaining specific DWB and NMFA web pages with attachments and links to all pertinent documents
- Developing a public notice announcing the opening of the 30-day public comment period in both English and Spanish
- Posting this notice to the DWB website
- Emailing this public notice to DWB's DWSRF email list through the GovDelivery e-mail delivery service (over 1,500 email addresses as of May2020),
- Publishing the public notice in three newspapers, the Santa Fe New Mexican, the Albuquerque Journal and the Las Cruces Sun to encourage the widest circulation across the state.

A. Postal Mailing or E-Mailing of Notices to Persons on the Drinking Water Bureau's Email List

DWB maintains an extensive email list (over 1,500 email addresses as of May 2020) that includes individuals interested in funding information, water system board members and administrative contacts from the SDWIS database for community public water systems that are eligible for the DWSRF program.

Interested persons providing both an address and email may receive physical mail upon request and an email. Additional individuals, organizations, and other interested parties are added to the email list as requested.

B. Email Updates

The Bureau regularly maintains contact information which is updated or supplemented if additional information is found, or existing information has changed.

C. Public Meeting Notices, Public Comment Notices, and Other Notices

Based on the Bureau's evaluation of the community needs, public notices will be translated into Spanish. In addition, the Bureau post notices on the several Department webpages:

Public Notices: <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/>

Events Calendar: <https://www.env.nm.gov/events-calendar/>

D. Informational Pamphlets

The Bureau has developed informational pamphlets for the DWSRF loan program that briefly explains the program and who is eligible for funding and what the interest rates and contact persons are. The Bureau may determine whether they will be available in languages other than English, online (e.g., Bureau website) and in print (hardcopy) at the information repositories listed in this PIP. They may also be distributed via email to interested organizations and individuals, including those who sign up for email notices through the website.

E. Public Comment Period for 2022

The 30-day public comment period on the draft 2021 DWSRF IUP is planned to start June 16, 2022 and end July 16, 2022 at midnight.

F. Other Outreach

Other means of outreach such as flyers announcing public comment periods may be posted in locations throughout the community (e.g., local businesses, schools, libraries) and on the Department's website, at the Bureau's discretion after consideration of public interest and input.

G. Information Repositories

Copies of the draft DWSRF IUP may be obtained from the Bureau's website at:

New Mexico Environment Department Funding Opportunities:

<https://www.env.nm.gov/funding-opportunities/>

New Mexico Finance Authority – Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund:

<https://www.nmfinance.com/water-project-fund/drinking-water-state-revolving-loan-fund/>

The following is a list of locations where hard copies of relevant documents will be available:

None identified at this time.

H. IUP Final Submission and Approval including Responses to Comments

To address stakeholder and community members submitted comments, the Drinking Water Bureau will prepare the final DWSRF IUP to include an appendix with a summary of the public comments received and the bureau response to any comments received following the close of the public comment period. The state is required to submit the final DWSRF IUP to EPA Region 6 for review and approval. The final draft IUP and all appendices will be available to the NMED and NMFA websites, or upon request. The Bureau will also send a copy of responses to comments

directly to the commenter.

APPENDIX A

U.S. Census Quick Facts Data Tables

Retrieved June 2022

US Census – Language Spoken at Home

2019 Estimates (most recent available)

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=New%20Mexico%20Spanish%20Speakers&tid=ACSST1Y2019.S1601>

United States Census Bureau

New Mexico Spanish Speakers

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	New Mexico					
	Total	Percent	Percent of specified language speakers			
			Speak English only or speak E...	Percent speak English only or ...	Speak English less than "very ...	Percent speak English less tha...
Label	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Population 5 years and over	1,979,851	(X)	1,808,939	91.4%	170,912	8.6%
Speak only English	1,307,591	66.0%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak a language other than English	672,260	34.0%	501,348	74.6%	170,912	25.4%
SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH						
Spanish	524,990	26.5%	391,056	74.5%	133,934	25.5%
5 to 17 years old	82,640	4.2%	70,561	85.4%	12,079	14.6%
18 to 64 years old	338,112	17.1%	244,930	72.4%	93,182	27.6%
65 years old and over	104,238	5.3%	75,565	72.5%	28,673	27.5%
Other Indo-European languages	21,376	1.1%	17,215	80.5%	4,161	19.5%
5 to 17 years old	2,031	0.1%	1,404	69.1%	627	30.9%
18 to 64 years old	13,286	0.7%	10,990	82.7%	2,296	17.3%
65 years old and over	6,059	0.3%	4,821	79.6%	1,238	20.4%
Asian and Pacific Island languages	24,791	1.3%	16,012	64.6%	8,779	35.4%
5 to 17 years old	2,541	0.1%	1,972	77.6%	569	22.4%
18 to 64 years old	19,782	1.0%	13,157	66.5%	6,625	33.5%
65 years old and over	2,468	0.1%	883	35.8%	1,585	64.2%
Other languages	101,103	5.1%	77,065	76.2%	24,038	23.8%
5 to 17 years old	11,620	0.6%	9,858	84.8%	1,762	15.2%
18 to 64 years old	70,837	3.6%	55,266	78.0%	15,571	22.0%
65 years old and over	18,646	0.9%	11,941	64.0%	6,705	36.0%
CITIZENS 18 YEARS AND OVER						
All citizens 18 years old and over	1,522,171	(X)	1,428,020	93.8%	94,151	6.2%
Speak only English	1,039,776	68.3%	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak a language other than English	482,395	31.7%	388,244	80.5%	94,151	19.5%
Spanish	365,688	24.0%	299,473	81.9%	66,215	18.1%
Other languages	116,707	7.7%	88,771	76.1%	27,936	23.9%